Pursuant to Article 49, paragraph 3 of the Law on Prevention of Corruption (Official Gazette of Montenegro, 53/14), the Minister of Justice hereby issues the

Rulebook on detailed action upon whistleblower's report on threat to the public interest, indicating the existence of corruption

The Rulebook was published in the Official Gazette of Montenegro, 77/2015, dated 30 December 2015, and entered into force on 1 January 2015

Article 1

This Rulebook shall regulate in more detail action upon the whistle-blower's report on threats to the public interest, indicating the existence of corruption, which is submitted to the public authority, public administration body, judicial authority, local self-government authority, local administration body, independent body, regulatory body, public institution, public enterprise or other company or legal entity exercising public powers, or performing an activity of public interest, or state-owned (hereinafter: state authority), company, other legal entity or entrepreneur.

Article 2

The terms used in this Rulebook for natural persons in the masculine gender entail the same terms in feminine gender.

Article 3

Person in a state authority, company, other legal entity or with an entrepreneur, who is designated to receive and act upon the report referred to in article 1 of this Rulebook, shall initiate the procedure for verifying the allegations in the report, within eight days from the date of submission of the report.

Article 4

Verification of allegations in the report referred to in article 1 of this Rulebook shall be carried out by direct inspection of official records, files, documents and official premises of the state authority, company, other legal entity or entrepreneur, as well as by taking statements from the employees.

Article 5

Following the implementation of the procedure for verification of allegations in the report referred to in article 1 of this Rulebook, the person referred to in article 3 of this Rulebook shall prepare an opinion on the existence of threats to the public interest that indicates the existence of corruption.

If the verification referred to in paragraph 1 of this article shows that the threat to the public interest, which indicates the existence of corruption, has occurred, the opinion referred to in paragraph 1 of this article shall also contain proposed measures, which the head of the authority or the responsible person in the legal entity or with the entrepreneur, should take to prevent such threat.

Article 6

This Rulebook shall be published in the "Official Gazette of Montenegro" and shall enter into force on 1 January 2016.

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Minister, **Zoran Pažin**